

Avila Well Defended

Avila's first convocation of the year was held in O'Rielly Hall at 1:00 p.m., Sept. 19th. Sister Olive Louise welcomed both new faculty and students, and expressed a desire for Avila's continued academic growth. Whether Avila can grow at all and whether a small liberal arts college for women has any justification for existence in contemporary society were the subjects of Sister Olive Louise's address.

The role of the private liberal arts college for women has come under strong scrutiny in recent years. Many in the field of education, and indeed the general public, question the function of a church-related college like ours. Sister Olive Louise first emphasized the importance of such questions, saying that the airing of strengths and weaknesses is considered healthful and that clarification of position brings vigor and vitality. Avila is able to accept head-on the challenge dealt by the questioning public.

Like every college, Avila stresses intellectual excellence but to a higher, more meaningful degree. This complements our philosophical and theological stance which permits no mediocrity in our commitment to truth. A Catholic college exists to promote higher learning, understanding, and a knowledge of man's inner worth. Avila does this and more. Here individual leadership and awareness is stressed. Students are seen as highly individual persons with the potential to grow and change. Each member of the college community is challenged to be a leader, to accept responsibility. We are encouraged to inquire, to criticize, to challenge, to initiate. Why? Because we are then better prepared to contribute to the human family and world community, better able to fulfill our obligations and responsibilities to the rest of the world.

Avila's faculty seeks to personally encourage the development of intellectual, imaginative, critical, and reasoning individuals. Time is taken for vision, perspective, and dreams. We are encouraged to remain open to knowledge and to make acquisition of knowledge a major goal in life. Through openness of mind and involvement Avila students are well equipped for a meaningful and useful future. This is Avila's purpose - to mold great individuals for a great society.

AVILA COLLEGIAN

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NEW FACES — '66

Some new members have been added to the Avila faculty this year. Five instructors have joined the ranks of the full-time faculty along with seven new additions to the part-time faculty.

As is always the case, the new faculty represent many fields and come to us from varied backgrounds.

Sister Agnes Stephen enters the Modern Languages Department as full-time instructor. Sister was awarded her Ph.D. this past summer from Notre Dame University and has taught on the elementary and secondary levels and part-time on the college level before coming to Avila.

A new face in the laboratory classroom is that of Sister Martin de Porres. Sister, who will be receiving her master's degree next summer from St. Louis University, has previously worked in the special education field in St. Louis.

The Modern Languages Department welcomes Mr. Antonio Leon, a lawyer from Cuba who received his M.A. from U.M.K.C.

Sister Anne Benedict, this year's addition to the Nursing Department, received her master's degree this summer from the University of California at San Francisco. Sister is a member of the American Nurses Association.

The Theology-Philosophy Department has acquired Sister Helen Oliver as a new instructor. Sister received her master's degree from Fordham University and taught at Fontbonne before coming to Avila.

Mr. Thomas C. Moss has joined the staff of the Natural Sciences-Mathematics Department as an instructor. Mr. Moss is presently working for his master's degree at Kansas University.

Joining the staff of the part-time faculty are:

Mr. Stephen Geraci who is teaching evening history classes. Mr. Geraci received his master's from Central Missouri State College.

Mr. Harold M. Degsh who is a counselor at Paseo High as well as an Avila instructor.

Mrs. Ana McGlynn, instructor in sociology and a student at U.M.K.C.

Miss Dolores Meyers, a candidate for a Ph.D. at Kansas University, who is teaching biology.

Mrs. Violette Meyers, the wife of music and German instructor Joseph Meyers, who teaches French.

Mr. Thomas Weidman, a candidate for his Ph.D. in anatomy at K.U. and an instructor in biology.

Avila welcomes the new faculty members and wishes them success in their many undertakings.



New Faculty (L to R) Sister Agnes Stephen, Mrs. Ana McGlynn, and Sister Martin de Porres.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Avila has many faculty on its roster who have a depth of knowledge that comes only after much study and experience. As teachers, they offer this knowledge to their students. Effective faculty-student exchange cannot be accomplished in the fifty minutes between bell times, however. After-class discussions over coffee or a coke can be as important as a rousing lecture. It is up to us, as students, to make use of the undergraduate opportunities that come our way. One of the often heralded advantages of a small, liberal arts college is the good student-teacher ratio; and it can be a valuable asset if you use it.

Freshman Profile

Congratulations are in order for Miss Margot Thornhill, current director of admissions at Avila, for her great recruiting efforts for our school. If this year's Freshman class is any indication of the type of student Avila can expect to attract, then we must acknowledge our thanks to her for a job well done.

This year's Frosh come from ten different states. For obvious reasons the greatest number of girls hail from Missouri or Kansas. But Avila can boast young women from Iowa, Illinois, Colorado, Nebraska, and as far east as Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. On campus also are representatives of three foreign countries: China, Costa Rica, and Korea.

The class has the largest enrollment recorded in the history of Avila - St. Theresa's fifty years of service. This Jubilee Class claims more than 120 women, nearly half of whom are resident students.

Quantity is only second to the quality of the 1966-67 Freshman Class, as entrance requirements are more demanding. No girl was accepted who did not score better than average on her College Entrance exams. The prospective student must also have been in the upper half of her high school graduating class. This year Avila has attracted former class presidents, newspaper editors, and yearbook editors - girls who were active leaders and members of their high schools, and hopefully active members of our student body.

Interests are many and varied. There are everything from folk singers to skateboard enthusiasts, history majors to future nurses. "Enthusiastic" seems to be a key word in describing the Frosh, who have so far been very co-operative in helping an upperclassman in need. Greatly to the dismay of the "older" Avilans, but to the delight of the Rockhurst men, these first-year Avilans are quite an attractive and stylish lot. Their style is more in the Weejuns tradition than that of Carnaby Street, for a mini-skirt is not to be seen.

During the orientation program the Freshmen elected Eileen Graman as their temporary class chairman. She will work with Sister Helen Oliver, who is in her first year as a class moderator at Avila, in leading and organizing the Freshmen.

Upperclass Hints

When I was a freshman, there were a lot of things I wish people had told me. Things like:

Develop your will power. So what if everybody else is going out. If you've got a paper to be finished, finish it! You'll be much better off, and feel better about it too.

Don't get over-involved in extra curricular activities. You won't have time to lend yourself to any activity well, and your studies will suffer.

Don't chase boys. Or at least don't let them know you're chasing them. Let them come after you. After all, you're female; you've got a right to be sneaky!

If a Rockhurst guy asks you out to dinner, don't get too dressed up. He's probably taking you to Smak's. But, if he asks you where you want to go, say something like the Plaza III, or Commerce towers, or Putch's 210. Get him for all he's got.

Please think of the lonely and shy girls in your class. Bring them into the conversation; you'd be happy if somebody did the same for you.

And last, but not least, SMILE. It really isn't so bad.

Fad or Fashion?

Right now the fashion world is in the midst of its busiest season. The months of preparation of the new fall styles are finally over and the products are on the market, quickly being purchased by enthusiastic students like ourselves who have been thoroughly convinced through various fashion magazines and newspaper articles that these styles are just right for us and for our wardrobes. The miniskirt, florescent dresses, pants suits, tent dresses, wild fur coats, and designs with a geometric nature are only a few of the styles which are most often in the spotlight today. They may seem tempting, but before indulging in one of these creations, it might be wise to consider what your reaction to them will be next fall or even next spring. Would you still claim them as fashions which are a part of your wardrobe, and wear them as a reflection of your taste in clothes? It can be helpful to remember that a basic part of fashion is taste, and therefore to dress stylishly is to dress in good taste. This simply means wearing the clothes which are right for you now.

Super-Hero of the Month JUDY CANOVA

around town

Night Spots:

Age Limit - 21

The Place - 817 Westport Rd.

The Levee - 16 West 43rd St.

Disc A Go Go - 3600 Broadway

Age Limit - 18

Your Place

Some Other Place - 5436 Johnson Dr.

Red Dog Inn - Lawrence, Kansas

Restaurants:

Plaza III - Country Club Plaza
(Spanish atmosphere)

Commerce Towers - 9th and Main
(French, Italian, Irish, and Oriental cuisines)

The Inn - Landing Shopping Center
(Spanish decor)

Voodoo Village - 37th and Main
(Haitian cuisine and atmosphere)

Sports Events:

Kansas City Chiefs - football

Rockhurst - basketball and soccer

DELAPIDATED DICTIONARY

English is a living language, especially at the University of Avila. Witness the ever-changing conjugation of the verb "to be hacked."

I am hacked

you are hacked (to be used with familiar persons with whom you are really hacked)

we are hacked

you (impersonal) are hacked

they are hacked.

Non-Camp Expressions:

darn it - to be replaced by much stronger words.

BOOK NOOK

If you like fiction that reads more like poetry than prose, here are two suggestions: IF MORNING EVER COMES by Ann Tyler and A SEPARATE PEACE by John Knowles. Both novels revolve around the final, painful step into manhood of excitingly real characters and both contain myriads of meaning.

EDITORIALS

Statement of Policy

The college newspaper is potentially the most powerful, single instrument available to the student body. A free press which exercises its freedom honestly is capable of speaking the student mind clearly and with force. There are two ways that the college press can go: it can be a bulletin board of events and echo chamber for safe, majority-approved ideas; or it can speak out boldly on problems and issues that demand attention at the risk of being labeled radical, immature, and even subversive. The staff of the COLLEGIAN is committed to the second path.

Our policy is one of open-minded questioning and objective rendering of campus news. Our goal is a realistic communication between students and administration and carries with it not only the right to criticize and question but also the obligation to make that criticism and those questions justified, conscientious, and pertinent.

Much has been said about the campus revolution. Along with the furor of Berkeley, the sit-ins and picketing there is a reasoned resistance which, though less startling and impulsive, can be just as effective. Action for Avilans has always involved a personal commitment which gains meaning not through a burst of student strikes but through everyday involvement and hard work.

The COLLEGIAN is also committed; and we can only fulfill our commitment through honest and fearless journalism. If at times we venture out on a thin limb, it is because we think the goal is worth the effort; you — the student body — are worth the risk. We are only an arm of that body. We need your complete and active support and interest to function effectively.

Equal Representation

Student representation at faculty meetings is a many-sided issue. Previous to this time, faculty meetings have been regarded as somehow secret and sacred gatherings where students were required even less than they were wanted. We wish now to pose two questions: How valid is one-sided representation? and would not the communication between faculty and students be furthered by allowing student representatives to be present at faculty meetings?

As it now stands, the faculty and administration are represented at all SGA meetings. At these meetings the students plan and promote activities and make decisions that will affect the entire student body and faculty. When the faculty meets to do their planning, however, no student is present to give first-hand reactions and to authoritatively report back to the student body at large. Yet it is the student body which is directly or indirectly involved in any actions, policy or curriculum changes that result from faculty meetings.

The basic problem is one of faculty-student communication. It is impossible to honestly discuss a plan of action if one of the persons involved in the two-way project is barred from participating in the discussion.

The old theory of an iron-handed administration which tells the student what he will and will not do without consulting the student in any way makes a farce of the idea of student government. Such action belongs to the first quarter of the twentieth century and not to any contemporary college community. Our own administration is liberal on many issues. If this were not so, we could not publish the COLLEGIAN with the spirit of questioning and open discussion which is a part of every issue. We would like to see honest communication expanded somewhat farther, however, with the inclusion of an official student representative at each faculty meeting. We feel this would be a step forward in the interest of both faculty and students.

— The Editorial Staff

The Avila COLLEGIAN has a column waiting for your comments and ideas. Students and faculty are encouraged to make contributions on any subject they would like to bring to general attention. We have already given you the space, it's up to you to give us the words to fill it.

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KCRCHE WHO?

The Kansas City Regional Council for Higher Education is a corporation devoted to cooperative programming in higher education for the Kansas City area. The regional council is controlled by a Board of Directors composed of the presidents of the eighteen member institutions and acts through various groups of administrative officers and faculty members.

In the spring of 1966 a student body officers committee was added to KRCHE. This board was formed in the hopes that the colleges which are so closely located could cooperate with one another on specific projects and ideas.

Three meetings of the student board of KRCHE were held and because of the serious time limitation in an afternoon meeting, the possibility of holding a two or three day Leadership Workshop Retreat was mentioned. A steering committee was organized and on the weekend of October first, students from the eighteen colleges and universities met at Windemere Baptist Assembly in the Ozarks. With the assistance of top quality speakers and the deans of students this provided a setting in which to thoroughly explore a number of topics related to the committee's major task and the improvement of student life.

Dean Joseph Kauffman, Dean of Students, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin opened the conference with a keynote speech and discussion session Friday night. His address concerned with the growing edge of student participation. The second general session, Saturday morning, was conducted by Dr. Vladimir Dupree, Associate professor, Department of Human Relations, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas and Consultant with the Midwest Group for Human Resources, Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Dupree spoke on the dynamics of group life and leadership roles and how they affect group achievement. The rest of Saturday was spent in small discussion groups with a wide variety of topics. Students were free to pick topics which were most relevant to their own campus and to then participate in these discussions. The third general session held Saturday night centered around a Perspective on the College Student: Past, Present and Future. The speaker was Professor Wm. H. Cowley, David Jacks professor of Higher Education, Emeritus, Stanford University.

SGA Ideas

With the new school year comes new or renewed enthusiasm, new ideas and hopes, and also this new column in which I will have the opportunity to share my thoughts with you, the Student Body, during the coming year.

As I am writing this, it just occurred to me how often during the coming year you will be hearing my ideas and suggestions on various subjects as SGA president or informally as a member of the Student Government Association. You will also be aware of the thinking and suggestions of your Student Government through posted agendas for coming meetings and minutes of past meetings, but we are only a small portion of our student body. What about the part you play? Without your new ideas, helpful suggestions, and constructive criticisms, what would become of our Student Government? We can either progress with new vitality or become indifferent and stagnant.

I think that if we are really "sold on" Avila and proud to be a part of it, then we should want not only to receive the benefits, but also do our personal share to create a positive, unselfish and unified atmosphere. At this point you may be thinking, "Fine, but how many actually think like this?" Well, I'm afraid that I can't answer that; each of you will have to answer personally. If, on the other hand, you are wondering about means to fulfill your responsibility as a member of our college community, I may be able to help.

Of course, you know what I'm going to say--through your Student Government! I wonder, however, if you have really considered it as a unifying force of effort, ideas and suggestions for the common benefit of each student member. If not, why? You may say that it doesn't represent the students, or you don't feel that your ideas mean anything. I think that we must always keep in mind that a government of any kind can only be effective when each member accepts his personal responsibilities and does not sit back, silent and timid. So, too, in our college environment, each of you faced with this challenge as a member of OUR Government.

Julie Waters

Anyone interested in joining the staff of the COLLEGIAN may contact a member of the editorial staff.

Faculty Notes

At the beginning of a new academic year, we wish to welcome the new students on the Avila campus, and we would like to give a fresh welcome to those students who have returned for another year.

The philosophy of Avila College emphasizes respect for the dignity and worth of each individual student, her relationship to other individuals on the campus and in the larger community, and her development as a responsible Christian woman dedicated to service and leadership.

To this end, we encourage each student toward self-direction and personal responsibility in her order of living and in her pursuit of learning; each student is helped to strengthen her attitudes of courtesy and consideration toward others; students are assisted in harmonizing their individual rights and responsibilities with those of the group as a whole; and they are led to realize the influence of the present on their future living.

The orientation activities for the new students launched a beginning toward these objectives. The hearty response of the students participating in these days of activity is an indicator of great spirit for the year just opening, it seems. We would anticipate that each and every activity sponsored by any group of the college will be loyally and heartily supported by each student.

Since this is the jubilee year of Avila--50 years of service--a special calendar of events has been planned and printed. Although more publicity will be done on each event as it nears, it will be each student's own responsibility to support and attend the various events throughout the academic year.

Not at all least in your line of effort is your course of studies. Your purpose in being at Avila is foremost to receive the education provided for your special place in life. This does not come as a by-product of being here for classes. You, as a student, will have to apply yourself to definite study habits and to an intellectual curiosity sufficient to fill your capacity for learning. This is your main responsibility; if you lose it now, you will have difficulty in regaining it again.

There is always help available if you need guidance or advice. Using the services of available and interested faculty and staff members may be the encouragement you need at times--do not hesitate to seek help. We are all here to help you in your goal of self-growth and development!

Sr. Marie Georgette

With the Clubs

The Club's Column is new to the COLLEGIAN this year, with hopes of publicizing campus functions sponsored by the various organizations at Avila.

The MISSION CLUB has selected the third Tuesday of each month as its meeting day. A 12:30 P.M. meeting in the small dining hall of Marian Center is convenient for the members.

The first meeting was held on Tuesday, September 20. Officers of the club for the year 1966-67 are: President, Cathy Connealy; Vice President, Jeanne Oades; Secretary, Molly Fagan; Treasurer, Diane Dal-lavis.

Columbus Day, October 12, is the day for the first business meeting of the STUDENT NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (SNEA). The meeting will be held at 12:00 in the small dining hall of Marian Center.

The CHORAL CLUB will sponsor an Avila Terrace Street Dance on Halloween night from 8-12 P.M. The "Roadrunners" will set the pace for our students and those of neighboring colleges. Tickets will be 75 cents per person and will go on sale October 1.

The FRENCH CLUB will sponsor the French film Therese Desqueyroux on October 20. It is based on the novel of the same name by Francois Mauriac. The film will be shown at 12:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. in room 101-201, O'Reilly Hall.

The INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB is taking for its theme this year "American Policy in Asia." In connection with this theme, the I.R.C. will sponsor a film on Southeast Asia during the month of October. The date will be announced later.

NU SIGMA CHI will be represented at the Missouri State Student Nurses' Convention in St. Louis the weekend of October 12-15. It is their hope to sponsor one of the student nurses of the organization.

The SOCIOLOGY CLUB had its first business meeting on September 30 at 12:30 in the small dining room of Marian Center. Plans were made for the coming year.

The Avila College Players will present their first production of the 1966-67 season--The Glass Menagerie--October 25 and 26 at 8:00 p.m. The cast includes Joan Stockman as Amanda, Cathy McCormack as Laura, David Sullivan as Tom, and George Schlosser as The Gentleman Caller. Season tickets may be purchased from Drama Club officers at a reduced rate until October 14.

Club Directory

The following directory of clubs and presidents or chairmen is designed for those of you who plan to join a club or organization but do not know who to contact or simply have not taken the time and effort to join. We hope it stimulates investigation and involvement in campus activities.

Art Service, Mariellen Smith, senior.

Drama Club, Cathy McCormack, junior.

French Club, Linda Davin, senior.

Golden Echo, Diane Pinkley, sophomore.

International Relations Club, Linda Davin, senior.

NFCCS, Chris Bell, jr., or Meg Waris, sophomore.

Nu Sigma Chi, Roxana Kirk, senior.

Mission Club, Cathy Connealy, soph.

Music Club, Jeri Potter, senior.

Sociology Club, Roberta Lancaster, sr.

Student National Education Association, Diane Bishop, junior.

Anyone interested in joining the staff of the COLLEGIAN may contact a member of the editorial staff.

The Freshman Class would like to thank the rest of the college, upperclassmen and faculty alike, for the warm welcome we have received this fall. College means a big change for us and we've found that our new friends at Avila have helped to make it a happy one. We hope we've made a good first impression on the school and that we can enter into the Avila spirit as fully as the other classes have done.



TOYLAND REVISITED

The Fine Arts Exhibit in Marion Center last month featured the antique toy collection of Mr. Jerry Smith. Mr. Smith, who is president of Jerry Smith Buick, Inc., was also present at a reception held in his honor following the Mass of the Holy Spirit, September 25.

The collection, one of America's largest personal collections, was begun by Mr. Smith about fourteen years ago. At that time he received from his sister-in-law, a small iron tractor similar to one he had owned as a youngster of six. At this time he also acquired a threshing machine and other farm toys which soon led to a deeper interest in early farm toys. It was not long before he became interested in the workmanship and design of these manufacturer's models and conceived the idea of beginning a complete collection of toys of all kinds.

Last year this collection was sent to New York and was exhibited at the Hallmark Gallery where it was viewed by over 125,000 people. The proceeds from this showing were then given to the Police Athletic League, an organization which aids underprivileged children in New York City. It was with this idea in mind that Mr. Smith began exhibiting his toys. In every city where it is shown there must be a guarantee of at least \$5000, half of which is given to the children's charity of the city's choice, and the other half which is donated to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. When Mr. Smith exhibits in Kansas City, as he did during August at Halls, Children's Mercy Hospital received the full amount of the donations, amounting to more than \$5000.

Coverage of this toy collection has been extensive and has included a featured article in the Kansas City Star as well as a 20 minute interview on the Johnny Carson Tonite Show. Requests come daily from all parts of the United States and Mr. Smith has even received an invitation to exhibit in Germany.

The stories behind many of the toys are very old and very interesting. Just recently Mr. Smith received a 12-inch long cast iron steam engine from Mr. and Mrs. Gene Selders of Kansas City. They found it in a building they had purchased in Independence which had formerly belonged to the Truman family. And, on a recent trip to Knotts Berry Farm in southern California he obtained 20 unusual pieces including a frog pushing a wheelbarrow and a monkey on a bike.

Since toys were not manufactured until about 1850 most of Mr. Smith's toys date from 1850 to 1925. Prior to 1850 most toys were home-made in wood. Manufactured toys were usually made of either cast iron or tin and other such materials. Although Mr. Smith began his collection with cast iron antiques he has also acquired many made of tin, thus making his collection truly representative of the times.

As for the future of his collection Mr. Smith hopes that it has only begun and that it will continue to expand long beyond his time as a source of funds for under-privileged children. It is also his aspiration that his collection of antique toys will eventually be kept in Kansas City permanently and possibly become a main tourist attraction here.

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October Calendar

- Oct. 9 - Alumnae Homecoming
- Oct. 10 - Alumnae luncheon
Faculty Concert
Colin Jackson, Member of
British Parliament. Lec-
ture on British politics. 8
p.m. U. M. K. C. Pearson
Hall.
- Oct. 13 - Avila Day/Freshman
Investiture
- Oct. 20 - Alumnae Luncheon
French film: Mauriac's
Therese Desqueyroux
- Oct. 23 - Jubilee brunch honoring
seniors and parents
- Oct. 24 - Alumnae luncheon
Alumnae Career Panel

- Oct. 25 - The Glass Menagerie
"The Fixer" by Bernard
Malamud, and "Blood Ac-
cusation" by Maurice
Samuels, reviewed by Vir-
ginia Scott Miner, Chair-
man of the English Depart-
ment, Pembroke Country
Day School. Jewish Com-
munity Center. \$1.25
- Oct. 26 - Wedding liturgy demon-
stration, Rev. W. A. Bau-
mann
The Glass Menagerie
- Oct. 30 - Potluck Supper, parents
and Students
- Oct. 31 - Open SGA meeting
All are invited

THE FIFTH COLUMN

One of the favorite topics preached from the pulpit is the value of a Catholic education, especially in the forming of the Christian character in a child. Most of us have been educated almost entirely in the parochial school system, and it's amazing to find out that we all had similar experiences. However, the things that I remember from grade school that must have been important (or why would I remember them?) would hardly seem to form much of a Christian character.

Remember, for example, the "School Days 195 -195 " school pictures. Those were the school pictures that came with your smiling little face peering out of the clear window on the envelope. The pictures were almost always hideous with the girls looking like war orphans because the nuns combed all our hair and parted everybody's on the same side. I'm not criticizing the educational standards of Catholic grade schools, but it cannot be denied as evidenced from the "School Days" pictures that the nuns could not comb hair. Consequently we all had that underprivileged look. I do know that now in a Catholic college I'm allowed to comb my own hair for pictures, a fact which I much appreciate. Maybe things have changed in regard to cosmetology in the Catholic Church since the Council. The boys' pictures were some better than the girls' since the boys all wore their hair the same way in what I call the lump. Their hair, especially on picture day, was goosed down with their dad's hair oil except in the very front where it lumped. The boys invariably wore plaid sports shirts with the very wide collars, their Knights of the Altar pin on the left lapel, and the tweedy widewale corduroy pants that whistled when they walked to the blackboard.

The whole economic structure of the Catholic grade school is based on a solitary item—the holy card. The holy card is used for barter, reward, and even cash. We used to spend all our time in Mass trading holy cards—"Trade you a St. Joseph (nobody liked him too much) for a Blessed Virgin (everybody liked her because she always looked pretty)." Holy cards were always covered in Saranwrap taken from the bologna sandwiches in our lunches; we stuffed our missals so full of holy cards that we couldn't open the missal for fear of spilling the cards and never getting them back in their appropriate places next to the colored strings.

Another memory of grade school that I can't seem to shake is the Holy Childhood Stamp Campaign held every year. Our parents usually ended up buying all our stamps and spent the entire Christmas season wondering what to do with them—you couldn't really throw them away, it was kind of like dumping a palm into the trash.

Silly as it all seems now, life in a Catholic grade school must have given us something—after all, we all ended up in a Catholic college, n'est-ce pas?



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